



# CERTIFICATION SPANISH GRADES K-12

## MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING PROGRAM

The mission of the post-bacc World Language Education Program, which includes Spanish PreK-12 Teacher education program is to prepare professionals who understand that pedagogical choices grow from a deep understanding of the study of world languages and cultures. We'll prepare you to understand the unique needs of all learners, honoring the diverse students in our classrooms and the larger community being served. Further, in keeping with the national standards of the five C's, the mission of the world language education program is to prepare world language teachers to teach students how to: communicate in languages other than English, in written and spoken form; understand perspectives, and products of other cultures; compare the target language to one's native tongue so as to develop insight into the general nature of linguistic communication, and develop ease in participating in multilingual communities at home and around the world.

Starting with these four principles and a mindfulness of student profiles, candidates construct standards-based plans that are grounded in a study of best practices as defined by research, models of excellence in the field, and creative and ever-dynamic thought. Candidates understand that this reflective practice continues—and, in fact, defines—one's entire career.

### Important Guidelines

- Students must have an overall QPA of 2.7 in order to take education courses at the 200 level or above.
- All education courses must be completed prior to beginning student teaching. No other courses should be taken during the student teaching semester which is completed in the senior year.
- Students must have prior written approval by the program coordinator if they plan to complete any of the these courses at another institution.

### Professional Education Courses Required For Certification

- EDUC 507 Culture, Community & Diversity: Intro. to Critical Pedagogy (spring, 40 hour Stage 1&2 Field Experience/ fulfills M3)
- EDUC 503 Student Development & Instructional Design (40 hr. Stage 1&2 Field Exp.)
- EDUC 502.2 Intro. to the Education of English Language Learners (Spring)
- EDUC 534 Including Students with Disabilities (Spring)
- EDUC 540 Reflective Teaching (fall only; 40 hour Stage 3 Field Experience)
- EDUC 561 Curriculum and Instruction in Foreign Language (fall only; 110 hour Stage 3 Field Experience)

- EDUC 575-7 Student Teaching
- EDUC 578 Seminar in Secondary Student Teaching
- [The Spanish major requires ten courses \(above SPAN 105\)](#)

#### Introductory courses

- SPAN 110 Introductory Spanish III (fulfills F3)
- SPAN 111 Spanish for Medical Personnel (fulfills F3)
- SPAN 120 Intermediate Spanish: Spain, Crossroads of Civilizations (fulfills F3)
- SPAN 125 Spanish for Heritage Speakers (fall only, fulfills F3)
- SPAN 210 Intro. Hispanic Lit. & Cultures: Islamic Spain- Colonial Period (fall)
- SPAN 215 Intro. Hispanic Lit. & Cultures: Enlightenment - Pres. Latin Am. (spring)

#### One or two courses at the 200 level above 215

- SPAN 241 Introduction to Literature of Spain & Latin America
- SPAN 243 Introduction to Hispanic Literature in the U.S.
- SPAN 256 Reel Images: Spanish Cinema from Buñuel to Almodóvar

#### Two courses at the 300 level

One of these must be taken at the College in the senior year. After completing Spanish 210 or 215, students may no longer take 100-level courses.

#### Teacher Action Research

- EDUC 500 The Teacher as Inquirer
- EDUC 506 The Teacher as Reasearcher
- EDUC 508 The Teacher as Evaluator
- EDUC 700 Curriculum Development and Action Research
- EDUC 701 Writing a Review of Educational Research
- EDUC 702 Reflective Practice Seminar
- EDUC 704-5 Literacy-Based Action Research Thesis

#### STUDY ABROAD

All students majoring in Spanish will be required to study abroad for a minimum of one semester (taking three courses minimum) in a country where Spanish is the principal language. Courses taken during study abroad must be approved by the department prior to the student's registration for the program. Students may also take an Internship while abroad.

## Clearance Requirements

There are three clearance checks required of ALL STUDENTS by the Pennsylvania Department of Education at every level of Field Experience. These are: FBI Federal Criminal History Record, Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Check, and Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance. Students will be placed in field experiences only if all background checks are clear of record. Clearances must be updated annually and valid for the entire field placement. Unless clearances have been updated, students will be unable to register for Education courses with field experiences.

In addition, all students must have a TB test within three months of the start of any field placement.

## The LinC Curriculum

The Pennsylvania Department of Education mandates that all teacher certification candidates complete the courses bulleted below. These courses also satisfy Moravian College LinC requirements and the liberal education guidelines for most Moravian students. Exceptions are listed in the catalog under the topics "Individually Designed Majors" and "Add Venture Programs:"

- First Year Seminar (F1)
- One course in American or English Literature (ENG 101, 102, 103, 104, 105 or acceptable Special Topics) (M2)
- One and one-half course units in Math (F2) (the LinC requirement is for one course unit; PDE and the Moravian Education Department mandate an additional 0.5 course unit)

## Dual Certification in Modern Languages

When a student completes a full major in one language, certification may be obtained in a second under the following conditions:

- Completion of seven courses above the elementary level in the second language (see current Course Catalog)The student must achieve the required 3.00 average in each language to be recommended for certification. Student teaching experience is required in all languages in which certification is anticipated.
- Students interested in dual certification in modern languages are advised to consult with their advisors early in their academic program.

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## The Field Experience Program

The purpose of the field experience is to provide students with appropriate class-room experiences at each level of their coursework. These experiences are meant to assist the student in determining whether teaching is an appropriate career choice.

Several courses in the professional education sequence require day-time field experiences. EDUC 130, Adolescent & School: Developmental Issues, and EDUC 160, Culture, Community, and Diversity: Introduction to Critical Pedagogy, require students to complete a 40 hour Stage 1&2 field experience in a public or private school. EDUC 260, Reflective Teaching, requires a 40 hour Stage 3 Experience and EDUC 361, Curriculum and Instruction in Foreign Language, requires a more substantial 110 hour Stage 3 pre-student teaching field experience. The Education Department's Director of Field Experiences is responsible for securing all field placements. Candidates who are not able to complete these experiences will be required to complete EDUC 158.2 Stage 1&2 Field Experience or EDUC 358 Stage 3 Pre-Student Teaching Field Experience prior to student teaching.

Stage 4 Student Teaching is the culminating experience of the teacher preparation program. It takes place under the supervision of qualified program faculty and cooperating teachers. Student teachers will have two placements during the semester. All U.S. placements are in Pennsylvania schools near the College. In addition to the daily classroom experience, students are required to attend a weekly seminar with their College supervisors.

## The ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview Requirement

All non-native speakers of Spanish, who are candidates for secondary teacher certification are required to pass the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language (ACTFL) Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) with a minimum grade of Intermediate High in order to be recommended by the Modern Language & Literatures Department for student teaching.

## The Required Basic Skills Assessment

Students in all Pennsylvania Instructional I teacher certification programs must successfully complete basic skills assessments in reading, mathematics and writing. Currently there are two testing options. You may take either the Pearson PECT Pre-service Academic Performance Assessment (PAPA) or the ETS Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators (CORE) exams. Please consult test provider websites for additional information regarding test content, testing locations and registration procedures. See: <http://www.pa.nesinc.com>, select 'tests'; then 'PAPA' and/or <https://www.ets.org/praxis/about/core/>.

Students may qualify for exemption from the basic skills assessment exams based on their SAT or ACT scores. Please contact the Education Department regarding exemptions and other test related questions you may have.

Candidates are encouraged to take the Basic Skills Test (PAPA or CORE) prior to or during the sophomore year. If not exempt, all teacher certification candidates will be required to pass these tests prior to admission into the teacher certification program and be enrolled in any 300 level and above courses in Education and any Stage 3 Field Experiences.

Two content knowledge Praxis Level II tests administered by ETS are also required. Content knowledge tests should be taken after most appropriate course work has been completed, but prior to student teaching. The Praxis Series Registration Bulletin found online at: <http://www.ets.org/praxis/about/bulletin/> will have the most up-to-date information. Test scores should be reported to Moravian College (RA2418) and the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Students who test in another state must list PDE as a score recipient to avoid processing delays of their teaching certificate. Test results for in state tests are automatically reported to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

### Testing Requirements for Spanish (PK-12)

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#### Basic Skills Assessments

(Administered by Pearson or ETS):

\*PAPA Modules: Reading/Math/Writing

\*or CORE Modules: Reading/Math/Writing

\*or testing EXEMPTION based on SAT/ACT scores

\*REQUIRED PRIOR TO Acceptance into the Teacher Certification Program and Participation in STAGE3 PST Field Experiences.

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Two Required Content Area Tests (Administered by ETS)

\*\*Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge Test Code: 5511 and

\*\*Spanish: World Language Test Code: 5195

\*\*ARE REQUIRED PRIOR TO CERTIFICATION IN PENNSYLVANIA.